

CHILD OF NINE IS TURNING TO BONE

Rare Condition Found in Little Girl From Wilmington

DISEASE IS PROGRESSIVE

A girl, nine years old, is slowly turning to bone in the Jefferson Hospital. Unless a marvel of surgery is accomplished she has but a few years to live.

The disease is thought to be caused by the improper functioning of the parathyroids, which are small masses of gland-like epithelium, lying beneath the thyroid glands of the neck.

Working on the theory that the patient is taking in more lime salts than she is giving out, thus causing this remarkable tendency to bone building, it is assumed that the parathyroid glands which control this supply are not functioning properly.

To determine this fact, the child has been placed under the personal observation of Prof. W. W. Hawke, who will conduct a careful series of analyses of the patient's digestive processes and thus determine the exact assimilation and excretion of lime salts.

After long observation and exhaustive tests, it is decided that the parathyroids are not performing their duty, a most interesting experiment will be attempted in hope of altering the progress of the ossification. The operation will consist of transplanting foreign glands. The transplanting of glands has been successfully done in other diseases.

A. L. WHEELER DEAD; CLUBMAN AND ATHLETE

Former Princeton Football Star Succumbs to Heart Disease at Racquet Club

Arthur L. Wheeler, widely known clubman and famous athlete of former years, died last night of heart disease at his apartment in the Racquet Club.

Mr. Wheeler had been ill since last August, when he was seized with chills and fever while touring New England in a motorcar with his brother and Marvin V. Bergen, who, like Mr. Wheeler, was formerly a star Princeton football player.

Mr. Wheeler was a man of magnificent physical proportions, well over six feet in height and was one of the famous football stars at Princeton in the nineties. He was a member of the elite and was devoted to athletics of all sorts.

WILL AIDS CHARITIES

Children's Hospital, Salvation Army and S. P. C. A. Are Named

Bequests of \$5000 to the Children's Hospital, Franklin and Thompson streets, and \$500 each to the Salvation Army and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, are included in the will of George C. Cross, 1207 Toga street.

Other wills probated today were those of Lewis James, 1109 North Sixty-third street, \$210,000; Joseph Koller, 400 Chester avenue, \$2,000; Anna M. Schaefer, 2616 North Twenty-ninth street, \$12,500; Richard Murphy, Twelfth and Atlantic streets, \$7000; Susan K. Derry, 2516 North Sixth street, \$5000; and Frederick Gardner, 1519 Walnut street, \$3200.

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3 HELD IN CONNECTION WITH WOMAN'S DEATH



LIEUT. JOHN J. FORAN

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Dr. John J. Foran, a dentist, of 146 Davis street, Mansfield, has been appointed a junior lieutenant in the dental reserve corps of the United States Navy and assigned to duty at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

44 States Represented at Penn

Statistics issued by Provost Smith show that every State in the Union is represented at the University of Pennsylvania except Arkansas, Nevada, New Mexico and Wyoming.

NEW YEAR'S SHOOTERS READY FOR PARADE

Mummers' Clubs Assigned to Places in Line—Great Pageant is Promised

The page set by the mummers' parades of the past will be lived up to on the coming January 1. Representatives of the mummers met last night in Council's Finance Committee room, where they were awarded their places in the parade by Council's New Year Committee.

The fancy division of the parade will be led by the Silver Crown Club, the oldest of all of the shooters' organizations, followed by the Charles Klein and Gray's Ferry Clubs and the Talbot and Trilby String Bands.

While the number of men in line will be somewhat less than that of other years, the class of the parade, according to the mummers, will exceed that of previous parades.

Believe Negro Is Auto Bandit

A negro who refused to give his name and who was arrested following the robbery of Mrs. Rachel Miller, fifty-eight years old, of 1627 Bouvier street, is believed by the police to be one of the band of automobile highway men who have been working in Philadelphia recently.

NO ROOM FOR IDLERS HERE—MAYOR'S ORDER

Philadelphia a Barred Zone for Bums During War—Work or Get Out, is Edict

Bums and idlers must get to work or leave town, according to an edict issued by Mayor Smith, who has given an order to Director of Public Safety Wilson to clean up the town.

"Philadelphia shall be a barred zone for bums" for the duration of the war. The inability of householders to get help to put coal into their cellars is largely responsible for the clean-up order.

Common Councilman John H. Batzley, chairman of Council's New Year Committee, predicts that the turnout will be a record-breaker in every sense of the word.

Poor Tax is Increased

A resolution to increase the poor tax from six to seven cents has been passed by the poor board of the Oxford and Lower Dublin townships, comprising the Twenty-third, Twenty-fifth and Forty-first wards.

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